

Tree Commission Minutes

16 June 2015

Members Present: Liz Johnson, Janet Nelson, Jim Lemmerman, Barbara Stark, Mike Pennington, Christine Penney.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from both April and May was made by Janet, seconded by Liz. The minutes were approved. Christine noted that once minutes have been approved they should be sent to the City Clerk for posting on the City website. She will let Barbara know the email address of the City Clerk.

Old Business:

Sky Harbor – Jim presented the summary of alternatives but felt it was unclear what the plan is now. He will contact the aviation planner from SEH for clarification.

Arbor Day – Mike will contact Dale regarding the possibility of having a tree-planting event in conjunction with a Chester Creek summer concert.

New Business:

Election of New Chair – Jim made a motion to nominate Christine which was seconded by Liz. Christine was elected the new Chair of the Tree Commission.

Change of Meeting Time – The group decided to change the meeting time to 6 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Barbara will check with Jacob to determine whether this time will work for him and, if so, our July meeting will be held at 6 PM rather than 7 PM. The City Clerk will need to be notified of the change.

Reconstruction Plan for 4th Street – Information on this topic will be forthcoming from Dale. The TC wants to be attentive to the tree planting and tree maintenance procedures following the reconstruction of 4th Street.

Workshop – Mike, Liz, and Barbara will attend the workshop to be held on June 30th. We will report back to the TC on this event.

Future Meeting Topic – Christine asked whether she should contact Cindy Voigt and ask her to come to a TC meeting to talk about the City street improvement process. We agreed this would be a good idea.

Management Plan – There was discussion of the necessity of having an urban forest management plan in place in order to apply for grants to fund the implementation of such a plan. The tree inventory was originally done in preparation for subsequent management plan development. This topic will require further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Barbara Stark